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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Amendment of Parts 1, 21, 73, 74 and 101 of the Commission's Rules to Facilitate the Provision of Fixed and Mobile Broadband Access, Educational and Other Advanced Services in the 2150-2162 and 2500-2690 MHz Bands, WT Docket 03-66

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 20, 2006, representatives from Sprint Nextel Corporation (Sprint Nextel) met with Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate and her legal advisor Aaron Goldberger.¹ Sprint Nextel described how the 2.5 GHz spectrum offers the potential of supporting services that change the way people communicate comparable to the communications revolution that accompanied the introduction of cellular mobile devices.

To promote the deployment of new 2.5 GHz broadband services to consumers, Sprint Nextel encouraged the consideration of three principles:

- Accelerating broadband deployment;
- Treating similarly situated licensees similarly; and
- Providing sufficient incentives for broadband investment.

Sprint Nextel then addressed two specific issues on the record in this docket.

First, adopting intermediate deadlines and clarifying transition procedures along the lines that Sprint Nextel has proposed in this record would prove extremely helpful for both proponents of the 2.5 GHz transition and the transitioning licensees. Second, imposing a maximum EBS lease term limit would jeopardize the deployment of advanced wireless broadband systems using the 2.5 GHz spectrum and would harm the constituents of the EBS licensees.

¹ Barry West, Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer; Lawrence Krevor, Vice President Government Affairs; and Trey Hanbury, Director Government Affairs appeared on behalf of Sprint Nextel.

Please associate this submission with the above-referenced docket.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'T. Hanbury', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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CC: Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate, Aaron Goldberger